

Exhibit 17 - Ross/Rigby/Arthur Vargas Transcript from Phone Call

00001:01 FROST: Turn your's on too, Ross. This is
02 January 17th, 2018, time is 2:39. We are about
03 to place a call to Arthur Vargas in reference
04 of picking up stolen tires from Louisiana.
05 RIGBY: Goodyear.
06 VARGAS: Hello.
07 RIGBY: Hey, Art. What's up? This is Ross.
08 VARGAS: Hey, what's going on, Bro?
09 RIGBY: Oh, not much. Hey, uh, my cousin
10 stole a bunch of tires from this place where
11 he works in Louisiana. I think Art told you
12 this right?
13 VARGAS: Uh-huh. He was telling me about that.
14 RIGBY: Okay. Uh, basically I need to get them
15 down here. People are already waiting on them
16 but, uh, the way we got 'em to where they're
17 at right now is we put them in a cattle trailer
18 and you can see into it so I'm kinda worried
19 about that. You know what I mean?
20 VARGAS: Oh, shit. Awesome. You want to
21 to bring them back like that? Loaded in that
22 --- that cattle trailer?
23 RIGBY: No, I don't want to do it because --
24 VARGAS: Can't you can cover it up?
25 RIGBY: -- see into it and there's a -- a, you

00002:01 know there's a whole bunch of 'em. So I don't
02 want people to be able to see what they are.
03 VARGAS: Yeah.
04 RIGBY: So I would -- how -- how -- how do you
05 get them -- how would be able to get them down
06 here?
07 VARGAS: Usually the way get them down here is
08 we rent U-Haul's and load them up in a U-Haul.
09 RIGBY: Yeah.
10 VARGAS: One of those big long U-Haul's.
11 RIGBY: Yeah.
12 VARGAS: That's usually how we transport them.
13 RIGBY: Okay. And you can --
14 VARGAS: So --
15 RIGBY: -- can you come get them?
16 VARGAS: Yeah, I mean I'll go down there with you
17 we can, like I say we can get a -- a U-Haul like
18 rent it. That way it's not -- the U-Haul's not
19 stolen that way we can like drive it all the way
20 back.
21 RIGBY: Okay. Yeah, that will work. And like I
22 said if you can --
23 VARGAS: I mean you can --
24 RIGBY: -- get it my cousin's --
25 VARGAS: -- you can use a cattle trailer if you

00003:01 but, uh, the only way with a cattle trailer is
02 we'll have to buy those tarps and [UI]
03 RIGBY: Yeah, I -- I -- I don't want to use that
04 shit. I'd rather do it --
05 VARGAS: It might be safer --
06 RIGBY: Yeah.
07 VARGAS: It might be safer in a U-Haul.
08 RIGBY: Yeah.
09 VARGAS: Like I said as long as the U-Haul is not
10 stolen, the U-Haul is rented --
11 RIGBY: Yeah. That sounds good.
12 VARGAS: -- that's not a problem in case we get
13 pulled over.
14 RIGBY: Yeah, if you can --
15 VARGAS: [UI]
16 RIGBY: -- if you can coordinate all of that --
17 VARGAS: [UI]
18 RIGBY: -- the -- you know, there's a 150 -- I'll
19 give -- I'll give you \$50 bucks a tire to bring
20 them down here. You just get the U-Haul's and
21 stuff and load them up and bring them down here.
22 VARGAS: Yeah. Ah, what time are you guys leaving
23 tomorrow? What -- what -- what are you looking at
24 or what?
25 RIGBY: Ah, I'll probably go early and make sure

00004:01 everything is good. Then you can just meet me over
02 there. It's in, ah, Lake Charles.
03 VARGAS: Okay.
04 RIGBY: What -- what time can you be there? What
05 time do you like to do this?
06 VARGAS: It's don't matter, Ross, whenever you can
07 take off over there.
08 RIGBY: What about like -- could you meet me there at
09 like 4:00 in Lake Charles?
10 VARGAS: In the afternoon?
11 RIGBY: Yeah.
12 VARGAS: Yeah. What time are you going to head out
13 that direction?
14 RIGBY: I'll probably go early just to make sure
15 everything is good and I'd say probably 8 in the
16 morning or so, 10:00 in the morning.
17 VARGAS: You want us go up there and ride with you
18 or not? Then once you get up there then -- I guess
19 we'll meet, make sure it's good -- everything is good
20 then we'll arrange whatever we have to arrange. Then
21 we will head back this way, this direction, head back?
22 RIGBY: No, I'll probably -- probably beat you there by
23 a little bit. Like I said my cousin lives there and
24 stuff I'll probably be with him. And then we'll get
25 everything ready. And then, uh, when you guys get up

00005:01 there if y'all want just, you know, shoot me a call
02 when you're in the area, everything is good and, uh,
03 I'll meet you over there and load them up and we can
04 come back.
05 VARGAS: What's, ah, what I was going to say is, ah,
06 it's in a storage facility right?
07 RIGBY: Yeah, there in -- there in a storage right
08 now.
09 VARGAS: Well, hey does that storage have a certain time
10 that you can be in and out of there or no? 'Cause I
11 know most storages that we've done and stuff like that
12 before it has like you can only be in there by 10:00
13 at night once after 10:00 at night you can't get in there
14 no more.
15 RIGBY: Yeah, that's why I want to do it like at 4 but you
16 know --
17 VARGAS: I just want to make sure that -- that I guess go
18 and check out and make sure everything is good still.
19 We're able to get it out before that time comes around
20 and we can't get in there.
21 RIGBY: Yeah, so if we -- if we shoot for like 4:00 we
22 should be good.
23 VARGAS: [UI] certain time --
24 RIGBY: But I don't think -- I --
25 VARGAS: Okay.

00006:01 RIGBY: -- don't think there is a limit on what time we
02 can get in there whenever we have a key to get in.
03 VARGAS: Okay, yeah, because I know that most storage
04 facilities, they have a like a code to punch in to get in
05 the gate and I want to say 10:00 they -- it doesn't give
06 you access to get in there. I -- I've been trying to find
07 storages for the last couple of months, that's 24 hours
08 and they don't have access. It says 10:00, I guess it
09 doesn't let you go in there. I don't know if they figure
10 people steal at night and go and put stuff in storages or
11 what. I don't know how it is out there --
12 RIGBY: Okay. Well, so if we're out there at 4 or 5 in
13 the afternoon we should be good --
14 VARGAS: Yeah, if you want to get out there and make
15 sure everything is good and then give us the okay then
16 we'll meet you at whatever location, let you know
17 everything is good and we'll get it --
18 RIGBY: Yeah, well my cousin is up there right now, he's
19 saying everything is a go. He's -- he's pushing my ass
20 to do it hard. He needs money, and you know, I can always
21 use money who doesn't like money but, uh --
22 VARGAS: Yeah.
23 RIGBY: So, if y'all want to just head up there tomorrow,
24 let's shoot for like 4:00 in -- in Lake Charles.
25 VARGAS: Okay.

00007:01 RIGBY: Will that work?

02 VARGAS: Yeah, that works for us.

03 RIGBY: Okay. Uh, yeah, and then I'll -- I'll give you

04 details tomorrow. Is there -- and I'll just get the --

05 are you gonna have your phone on tomorrow so that I can

06 call you? 'Cause it won't -- I --

07 VARGAS: Yeah, I get my -- I get my -- I get my phone

08 on by tomorrow so you can get a hold of me directly.

09 RIGBY: Okay. And what's a good number for that?

10 VARGAS: Ah, it's a 210 --

11 RIGBY: Okay. Hold on a second, let me right this down.

12 210?

13 VARGAS: -- hey, what's my phone number? It's, ah, 210-609

14 RIGBY: -- okay. 609 --

15 VARGAS: Yeah, 609. 210 area code.

16 RIGBY: Okay.

17 VARGAS: -- 5704 is the last four.

18 RIGBY: 5704. 609-5704. Okay. Hey --

19 VARGAS: I think, ah -- I think, ah Art has it too so --

20 RIGBY: Okay. I'll -- I'll get it for sure but --

21 VARGAS: [UI]

22 RIGBY: -- Hey, I'mma -- I've gotta --

23 VARGAS: I've got to turn in a little bit though.

24 RIGBY: -- and -- and who's gonna get the U-Haul? You

25 are?

00008:01 VARGAS: Ah, I don't think I -- I can't rent a U-Haul
02 'cause flagged me in their system. I tried renting a
03 U-haul a while back and I couldn't get a U-Haul. I
04 asked them why and they were like we don't really know
05 [UI] and I asked another friend of mine why was that
06 and he was like hey bro you may be flagged in their
07 system, you can't rent U-Haul's 'cause maybe they
08 know what your brother used to do or have you ever
09 been caught with your brother, I go, I never been
10 caught with my brother, I been questioned but I never
11 been caught with my brother He said yeah, I betcha
12 they have you in their system where you can't rent -- you
13 can't rent anything from them. Like no and he said naw.
14 RIGBY: So you have somebody that can get it or --
15 VARGAS: So -- I just -- I just want you to know that I --
16 I have a drivers' license but as far as renting it, I
17 can't rent it.
18 RIGBY: Uh-huh.
19 VARGAS: Once somebody rent's it I'll drive it. As far
20 as me renting it in my name U-Haul won't let me rent it.
21 RIGBY: So how are you gonna get one?
22 VARGAS: I don't know if -- I don't know if there is
23 anything up there. I don't know if there is another
24 company -- I don't know what -- what's out there I
25 guess. I don't know if there is Penske out there or

00009:01 Hertz or whatever rental places out there but if exactly
02 from U-Haul I know I can't rent from U-Haul. [UI]
03 RIGBY: Okay. But by -- but you think by 4 tomorrow you'll
04 have a -- you'll have a truck? Or I can --
05 VARGAS: Worst case scenario bro like -- can you hear
06 us?
07 RIGBY: Yeah, I can hear you.
08 VARGAS: Worst case scenario I can take -- I can take
09 one of my partners with me. I'll let him -- I'll let
10 him steal a truck. That's -- that's what he does
11 sometimes. But -- I guess -- like I said -- I -- I
12 would think it would be safer to rent a truck up there
13 that way if you get pulled over by law enforcement and
14 you were driving it all the way back, it's what like
15 an eight hour drive?
16 RIGBY: Okay. So you got a buddy you're worried about
17 ah, you know what -- we'll see -- let me -- let me
18 make a call see if my cousin -- maybe my cousin can
19 rent one for us. And we'll have that -- we'll have
20 that all squared away.
21 VARGAS: It -- it has to be somebody that has a drivers'
22 license that's -- driver's license -- like I said --
23 RIGBY: Okay. So --
24 VARGAS: -- once somebody rents it I -- I can drive it
25 but as far as me pulling it out, they won't let me pull

00010:01 it out. They said exactly -- for what reason I don't
02 know. 'Cause the last time I tried renting a U-Haul
03 they had to call corporate headquarters --
04 RIGBY: Ugh --
05 VARGAS: [UI] even the computer system wouldn't tell
06 them why.
07 RIGBY: Okay.
08 VARGAS: So last --
09 RIGBY: How big a truck do you think we need?
10 VARGAS: -- time a friend of mine that's what they
11 were telling me.
12 RIGBY: How big a truck do you need?
13 VARGAS: But yeah just -- what size we need? It's
14 not even -- it's not even going to fit in a truck.
15 The biggest U-Haul that they have is a 20 footer
16 and that won't fit but 109.
17 RIGBY: 109?
18 VARGAS: Yeah, 100 -- 150 will not fit.
19 RIGBY: So get the --
20 VARGAS: Well, what size is your house?
21 RIGBY: -- the biggest one you got?
22 VARGAS: Yeah, the biggest -- the biggest one is a
23 20 foot man. That one jammed packed with all the
24 seating will fit 109 on it.
25 RIGBY: Okay. That will work.

00011:01 VARGAS: So, if you got a -- if you got a -- if you
02 got a 150, 150 is not gonna fit so --
03 RIGBY: Okay. We might to worry about that --
04 VARGAS: The only other think you can do. The only
05 other thing you can do, Ross, is rent the big 20 foot
06 U-Haul and then rent the little -- the little small
07 trailer they kept -- they have --
08 RIGBY: Uh-huh.
09 VARGAS: -- the U-Haul, the big U-Haul is a \$100
10 deposit and then they charge you by the mile.
11 You're probably looking at about \$500, maybe,
12 maybe \$800 to -- from all the way over there over
13 here.
14 RIGBY: Okay.
15 VARGAS: They charge you by the mile. So the deposit
16 on the U-Haul inside is \$100 'cause I -- I used to
17 rent them before, back in the day before I guess they
18 flagged me in their system or whatever they did. I'm
19 not too sure. But then -- so 109 will fit in there
20 so they say 110 will fit in there and then if you have
21 150 you'll probably need that big U-Haul with a small
22 little trailer.
23 RIGBY: All right.
24 VARGAS: That little trailer is like \$20 -- that little
25 trailer is like \$20 but on that little trailer they

00012:01 only charge you because that little trailer doesn't have --
02 doesn't have an engine so I guess it doesn't get miles on
03 it so they just charge you a flat rate per day \$20 a day.
04 RIGBY: Okay, yeah. Let me call my cousin see what he
05 can do. Maybe we'll have that ready and just me and
06 you bring it back and we'll be good.
07 VARGAS: Okay. Sounds good. Just let me -- just let me
08 know and I will turn on my phone.
09 RIGBY: Okay. Turn on your phone and hey, I got a Laredo
10 area code. It will be a 956 number.
11 VARGAS: Okay. That's cool.
12 RIGBY: All right brother.
13 VARGAS: Okay. Talk to you in a little while.
14 RIGBY: Later.